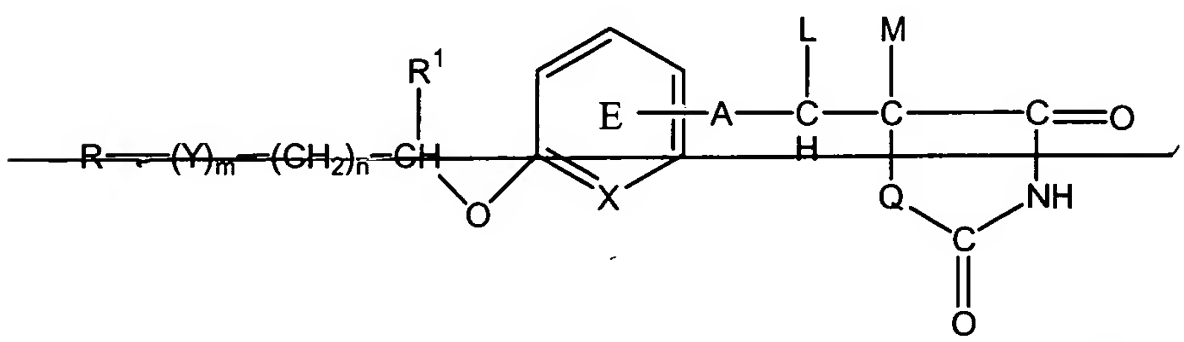
In the Claims

Please substitute the following claims 1, 4 and 11 for claims 1, 4 and 11 now pending in the above-identified application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for lowering the concentration of glycosylated hemoglobin in a mammal in need thereof, which comprises administering to said mammal an effective amount of an insulin sensitizer and an anorectic selected from the group consisting of sibutramine and mazindol,

wherein the insulin sensitizer is ~~a compound of the formula:~~



~~(I)~~

~~wherein R represents a hydrocarbon group or a heterocyclic group, each of which may be substituted; Y represents a group of the formula: -CO-, -CH(OH)- or -NR^3- where R^3 represents an alkyl group that may be substituted; m is 0 or 1; n is 0, 1 or 2; X represents CH or N; A represents a chemical bond or a bivalent aliphatic hydrocarbon group having 1 to 7 carbon atoms; Q represents oxygen or sulfur; R^1 represents hydrogen or an alkyl group; ring E may have further 1 to 4 substituents, which may form a ring and R^1; L and M respectively represent hydrogen or may be combined with each other to form a chemical bond;~~ selected from the group consisting of pioglitazone, rosiglitazone and ~~or~~ a salt thereof.

Claims 2 and 3 (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the ~~**compound of the formula (I) or salt thereof**~~ **insulin sensitizer** is pioglitazone hydrochloride.

Claims 5 and 6 (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) A method for lowering the concentration of glycosylated hemoglobin in a mammal in need thereof, which comprises administering to said mammal an effective amount of pioglitazone hydrochloride and mazindol.

Claims 8-10 (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the ~~**compound of the formula (I) or salt thereof**~~ **insulin sensitizer** is rosiglitazone or its maleate.

Claims 12-23 (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the anorectic is sibutramine.

25. (Previously Presented) A method for lowering the concentration of glycosylated hemoglobin in a mammal in need thereof, which comprises administering to said mammal an effective amount of pioglitazone or its salt, and sibutramine.

26. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the insulin sensitizer and the anorectic are administered to the mammal concomitantly.

27. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the insulin sensitizer and the anorectic are administered to the mammal separately.

Claims 28-50 (Cancelled)